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Applicants: HIROYUKI et al

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Examiner:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated **July 31, 2008** ("Office Action"), for which an unextended response date expires October 31, 2008. Also submitted herewith, as Appendix A, is an English translation of Japanese provisional application JP 2003-0207632.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this amendment, however, if any fees are due please charge such fees to Merck Deposit Account 13-2755.

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